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things to your constituents than to you that we're going to have to do this session. And some of the people who may not have spoken this morning may take this morning's discussion to heart that maybe there's a better way to do some things, not in what the result was but in how it was carried out. You can vote "no" this morning. You can not vote at all. What will happen? The report will go back to the committee. The same committee will meet again, the same things will occur and we will be back here on Monday morning. Is something going to change between now and Monday morning? No, it will not. Is there a message in what we If you don't like the rules there's the Yes. opportunity to change them. You should follow the process and Do you want the opportunity to stand up and say that I was treated unfairly? Yes. I've not heard that. I know there are people that may feel that way. There may be people who should stand up and say, this is the reason I did what I did when I did it. They're under no obligation to do that. Your obligation this morning is do we adopt this report or don't we? We have the choice. For my version, I'm going to adopt the report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As a still relatively new member, I...I immediately asked some questions in the last couple days as to how things were arrived at, how decisions were arrived at, and I want to explain my decision to keep from abstaining, and I'm going to vote red because when I asked a question and got some information I feel that for whatever reason it was wrong and I, as a result, will vote red. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith. Senator Coordsen, further discussion.

SENATOR COORDSEN: There's always, I think, some amount of discomfort particularly among those who, for reasons that may not even be surmountable, don't get their wishes in the assignment of committee seats in the Legislature. But the thing I would like to caution you this morning when you look at...look